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Memorandum

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TO: Plans and Programs Committee
FROM: Frank Furger, Chief Deputy Director
SUBJECT: Deputy Director's Report

Transportation Bond Measure Projects

I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane Project – The contractor for the first contract has completed work in the median and traffic has shifted in order for the outside widening to begin. The project is on track to open in August 2009. The second contract received a California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocation of funds at the October meeting and was advertised on January 5, 2009. Bid opening is scheduled for June 3, 2009. The CMA issued a Notice to Proceed to the design consultant to prepare the project development package for the auxiliary lanes between Isabel and North Livermore Avenue and North Livermore Avenue and First Street.

I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Project – The draft Environmental Document was released for circulation on March 25, 2009. The public comment period closed on April 24, 2009. The design phase of this project began in June 2008. The ACCMA has reviewed the preliminary design package (35 percent PS&E). The CMA and the consultant are preparing a strategy to split the project into smaller construction contracts. The CMA is preparing a corrective action plan to remove the bus ramp from the project scope for review by the CTC.

I-580/Route 84/Isabel Interchange – This project is sponsored by the City of Livermore and received \$68 million from the CMIA bond fund program. The project was split into three smaller contracts. Contract one, administered by Caltrans received an allocation of construction funds from CTC in October 2008. The CTC allocated the construction funds for the two contracts administered by the City of Livermore at its December 2008 meeting. The three contracts were advertised in January 2009. Bids for the city contracts were opened on April 28 and May 6. Bids for Caltrans contract will open on May 27, 2009.

I-880 Southbound HOV Lane Extension (Hegenberger to Marina) – Environmental and preliminary engineering services are ongoing. A 35 percent submittal package has been

completed and comments have been received from Caltrans. The project has been divided into two construction packages to attract more bidders. At the request of the City of San Leandro, the ACCMA is overseeing the Marina Boulevard Interchange Project Study Report (PSR).

I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) Project – Stakeholders have submitted their comments on the Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) Project #6 Concept Report, Plans and Functional Requirements. The Design Team estimate delivery of the TLSP 65% PS&E on May 11, 2009. In addition, the 65% PS&E for the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) Project #3 and the 35% PS&E for the Adaptive Ramp Metering (ARM) Project #4 has been submitted to Caltrans for review and comments. Traffic Modeling of the I-80 and San Pablo corridors is underway. A Delivery Action Plan, addressing the project's revised schedule, was developed by Caltrans, MTC, CMA and the CCTA and will be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23rd/29th Avenues –The Project Report and Environmental Document are underway and preliminary engineering and environmental technical studies have commenced. The Administrative Draft environmental document is scheduled for May 2009.

Status of Corridor Studies/Projects

I-680 Express Lane Project – The CMA has partnered with Caltrans on the design of this project. The project has been split into six contracts: three roadway contracts, one landscape contract, an environmental mitigation contract and a system integrator contract. Bay Cities, the contractor for the first contract, is continuing to work aggressively to complete the project.

Contracts 2 and 3 were advertised in September and bids were opened on December 10, 2008 and on December 16, 2008, respectively. Contract 3 was awarded on April 7, 2009 and contract 2 was awarded on April 17, 2009. A contract has been executed with Electronic Transaction Consultants (ETC) for the System Integration work on the Express Lane project. The Notice to Proceed with Phase I of the contract was issued in February 2009.

I-580 Traffic Management Plan Project – The Center-to-Center (C2C) Program communication hubs project was awarded to DKS Associates. This communication package will link various Transportation Management Centers in the Bay Area which include communication centers at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Alameda County SMART Corridors. The Software Integration Package was awarded to Irvine Global Consulting and will be completed in June 2009. The integration will link cameras, detectors and changeable message signs along I-580 with communication centers at the Cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and Alameda County SMART Corridors. The project is also installing ramp metering on Grant Line Road, North Flynn Road and Portola Avenue, funded from a MTC grant. The I-580 TMP Technical Advisory Committee met three times to discuss various elements of this project. The draft C2C Hub design has been completed. These projects are on schedule with the completion date of June 30, 2009.

I-580 Corridor ROW Preservation – The CMA consultant prepared environmental documents

(Categorical Exemption) for six properties that are currently available for acquisition. Upon completion of the funding agreement with ACTIA, the CMA will begin discussions with Caltrans to establish a partnership agreement for this project.

I-580 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Project – This ACTIA Measure B funded project consists of two westbound I-580 auxiliary lane segments from Airway Boulevard to Fallon Road and from Fallon Road to Tassajara Road. ACTIA is the lead agency for the environmental phase and has completed the NEPA environmental document to clear the Fallon to Tassajara Road auxiliary lane segment. Caltrans approved the plans and will issue the permit to allow this work to be combined with the City of Dublin's Fallon Road Interchange Project. A project specific funding agreement between the City of Dublin and the CMA is being prepared.

I-580 Eastbound High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane: Technical Studies and Preliminary Engineering – Preliminary Engineering and preparation of the Environmental Document began in July 2008. The consultant is addressing Caltrans' comments on the traffic operations analysis report. The CMA has requested that additional studies be prepared to investigate the feasibility of a double HOT lane. A contract change order to install the infrastructure of some of the civil elements of the HOT Lane was issued to the EB HOV project. The CMA is investigating possible alternatives for delivery of the civil elements of the project. A draft RFP for the system integrator is being circulated for review and comment by the project team.

I-680/I-880 Cross Connector Project – Team meetings and technical studies are currently on hold pending agreement with Caltrans regarding project oversight support. The CMA has requested to initiate studies in anticipation of Caltrans resource availability in early FY 2009/2010.

I-580 Soundwalls at San Leandro – The San Leandro soundwall project was advertised on April 8, 2009 following the federal authorization (E-76) for construction on April 1, 2009. The bid opening is scheduled for May 7, 2009.

I-580 Soundwall Design – Oakland – The 65% PS&E for the Oakland soundwall was submitted to Caltrans on February 27, 2009. A Public Information meeting was held on April 16, 2009 at the Redwood Day School in Oakland.

I-880 Corridor System Management Plan – The I-880 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) TAC met on November 10, 2008. The results of the scenario analysis proposed to improve the performance of the corridor were discussed. The consultant team has been working since then to incorporate TAC input. This study, sponsored by Caltrans, will provide a detailed evaluation of the I-880 Corridor to determine what transportation strategies make the most sense and when they should be implemented.

I-580 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) – A corridor stakeholder meeting for the I-580 East Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) was held on January 27, 2009 to discuss development of the CSMP. The next corridor stakeholder meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2009 at 2 p.m. The CSMP is a requirement of the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) I-Bond funding, and as a result is a requirement for the CMIA-funded improvement projects along the I-580 Corridor in Alameda County. The final technical

memorandum describing the baseline existing conditions and trends for forecast years 2015 and 2035 was developed. Subsequently, the final technical draft report presenting the proposed improvement strategies for addressing existing (2008) and future (2015 and 2035) congestion in the I-580/1-238 corridor was developed and distributed in February 2009. All deliverables have now been distributed and the final draft report was presented to the TAC on April 8, 2009.

SR 24 Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) – The draft mitigation strategies were presented to Alameda County and Contra Costa jurisdictions on March 11, 2009. A technical draft memorandum describing the performance evaluation criteria based on vehicle delay and congestion and providing an evaluation of performance measures and analysis of travel time reliability was developed and distributed in February 2009. A public outreach meeting was held on March 24, 2009. The next SR 24 CSMP TAC meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2009.

Ardenwood Park & Ride Lot Project – Construction of the Park and Ride Lot began on September 18, 2008 and completion is anticipated in June 2009. Construction was suspended on November 19, 2008 pending issuance of a final building permit by the City of Fremont. A permit was issued on January 14, 2009 and construction completion is anticipated in June 2009. A sub project is being developed to construct a CMS sign on I-84, place “next bus” signs in the bus shelters, provide striping and signal modifications to improve access from Ardenwood Blvd. and construct a restroom for AC Transit’s use.

BART to Warm Springs – Bids for the Final Design on the Fremont Central Park Subway ("Subway") were opened on April 21, 2009 and are currently being evaluated by BART staff. The BART Board is expected to award the contract in late May and NTP is expected to be issued in early July. Preliminary engineering on the Line, Track Station and Systems ("LTSS") contract is 75 percent complete. BART also recently conducted a Value Engineering study of the LTSS contract documents and intends to evaluate VE recommendations prior to finalizing the bid documents. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the LTSS contract is expected to be issued this spring. A Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to be issued this fall, with a best-value award scheduled for mid-2010. Project permits are now in place from the SF Regional Water Quality Control Board, the CA Department of Fish and Game and the US Army Corps of Engineers..

BART to Silicon Valley (Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor (SVRTC)) – The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released for public review on March 11, 2009 with the Final EIS to be circulated in January 2010. Comments on the DEIS are due May 8, 2009.

Caldecott Tunnel 4th Bore – The Final Environment Document for the project is available for review on the project website at: www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/caldecott/. CMA staff continues to coordinate with Caltrans on the project delivery through the Project Leadership Team (PLT) and the Executive Steering Committee (ESC). Caltrans has reached agreement with the Fourth Bore Coalition to settle the litigation that was filed against the project. The CTC is scheduled to take an action on the project in May.

Dumbarton Rail Corridor – The project continues to proceed with finalizing the environmental, constructability, cost estimate and structural evaluations. The draft EIS/R is progressing and is expected to be released by late summer 2009.

Grand/MacArthur Corridor Transit Enhancements – This project is a key first step towards bringing major transit improvements to the Grand Avenue/MacArthur Boulevard corridor. The limit of this corridor is from Eastmont Mall to the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco. This SMART/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor implementation will be modeled after the existing San Pablo Avenue and International/Telegraph SMART/BRT Corridors. On July 31, 2008, the CMA Board awarded the Grand/MacArthur Corridor Transit Enhancement Project construction contract to Ray's Electric, the lowest responsive bidder. Construction started September 22, 2008. The contractor has installed all ITS elements of this project on Grand Ave. This project is on schedule with a completion date of June 30, 2009.

SMART Corridors Program – CMA's SMART Corridors partnership includes 29 public agencies. The CMA provides video and traffic data to the public and to transportation managers as well as emergency service providers in real-time. The public website address for the SMART Corridors is: <http://www.smartcorridors.com>. The CMA is working with the Alameda County Public Works Agency on the implementation of Transportation Management Centers (TMC). CMA is also leading the project to implement ITS on Webster Street in the City of Alameda. CMA staff is also managing various contracts to operate and maintain SMART Corridors components.

San Pablo Avenue Rapid Bus Stop Improvements - The CMA is taking the lead in implementing approximately \$2.6 million in improvements to the Rapid Bus stops in Alameda County funded through AC Transit using Measure B funds. At the request of the cities, the CMA and the funding agencies have agreed to implement streetscape amenities as an alternative to the installation of decorative crosswalks. This will extend the project completion date to June 2009. All project elements are completed with the exception of bus-bulb-outs and median islands which will start by early May 2009. This project is on schedule with a completion date of June 30, 2009

State Route 84 HOV Extension – Dumbarton Corridor – The HOV lane was open to traffic on September 5, 2008 and the project closeout is underway.

Central Alameda County Freeway System Study – A draft Project Initiation Document (PID) is being finalized. The next Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting is anticipated to be held in May 2009 to release the Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program (LATIP) and supporting documentation for local and California Transportation Commission approval. After PAC approval of the submittal package is obtained, local approvals will be sought similar to the process used for the Financially Unconstrained LATIP.

MTC's Lifeline Transportation Program – Based on the approved State budget, the STA funds for the Lifeline program in Alameda County have been reduced by \$1.1 million in Tier 1 and an estimated \$3 million in Tier 2. The Tier 2 budget is subject to confirmation of the FY 2009/2010 state budget. The Board adopted the revised Lifeline program at the April Board meeting. The

intent of the Lifeline Transportation Program is to fund projects that increase transportation mobility for low income residents in Alameda County.

Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro BRT – The BRT TAC meeting was held on April 15, 2009 at to prepare for the BRT Policy Steering Committee. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2009 at 9 a.m. The BRT Policy Steering Committee (PSC) was held on April 17, 2009 review the project schedule, the summary responses to DEIR/S comments, and methods of accelerating the process of adopting the Locally Preferred Alternative. The next PSC meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2009 at 3 p.m.

Transportation and Land Use Work Program – CMA staff is working with the City of San Leandro to develop a Transit Oriented Development Technical Assistance Program (TOD TAP) scope of work. Staff is also coordinating within the county to determine how to integrate TOD into climate change goals.

Community Based Transportation Plan – The City of Alameda Community Based Transportation Plan consultant team is preparing transportation solutions and costs that meet transportation needs identified during community outreach. The Plan is expected to be complete in June 2009.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program – The Annual Evaluation will be presented to the Board in May 2009. It will include results of the annual employee and employer surveys. 4,417 employees and 192 employers are actively registered in the program. The average cost per taxi trip is \$84.05 and the average trip length is 39 miles. The average one-way trip distance for a rental car ride is 47.8 miles. The average savings for a rental car ride compared to a cab is \$72.80 per ride. Nearly one out of four rides (27%) is taken using a rental car. The pilot program to allow a Downtown Business Association (DBA) and Transportation Management Association (TMA) to register in the program is continuing to attract more enrollees in Berkeley and Emeryville.

Truck Demand Model – Consultants are in the process of selecting the field team for data collection. Data collection is expected to begin at the end of April at about 55 locations on major roads across the county. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Truck Parking Facility Feasibility and Location Study – The Final Report was approved by the Board at its December 2008 meeting. The Final Report has been posted on the website. Staff will be preparing an Implementation Plan for Board consideration by June 2009.

Update on Climate Action Activities – As follow up to the December 2008 CMA Board retreat, staff is preparing draft Climate Action priorities to review with the CMA Board as well as investigating ways to strengthen the Land Use Analysis Program and Transportation Demand Management elements of the CMP to address climate change. The CMP elements will be updated as part of the on-going 2009 CMP update. The Board will review this information at its May 2009 meeting. A Climate Action Workshop jointly hosted by the ACCMA, ACTIA and Supervisor Haggerty's office was held on March 11, 2009. The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Countywide Transportation Plan/Regional Transportation Plan – The MTC Commission adopted the final RTP at its April meeting. The Countywide Transportation Plan is being revised to be consistent with the RTP and will be brought back to the Board for approval. This is anticipated to occur at the June meeting.

Expiration of SAFETEA-LU and Rescission of ISTEA and TEA-21 Earmarks - The US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is working on the development of new surface transportation authorization legislation to replace the current Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU), which expires on September 30, 2009. This committee has noted that that a rescission of certain ISTEA and TEA-21 earmarks is also being discussed. Staff is working with ACTAC to identify any projects that are included in this discussion. An attachment details projects under discussion.

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